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Supervisor Gonzales adds homeless policy advisor to staff

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales has added a new staff member to bolster her efforts to address homelessness. After Tuesday's board meeting, Kent Paxton (San Bernardino) assumes duties as the Fifth District's homeless policy advisor, effective immediately.

Paxton possesses 33 years of experience with the County of San Bernardino. He has helped manage a variety of programs and human service systems in a number of areas including public health, behavioral health, children and family services, homelessness, education, and public safety.

"Kent is a one of the top professionals in the field of human services. I have had the privilege of working with him on the Interagency Council on Homelessness, and I can say that few people have the breadth of knowledge and experience he has in managing partnerships and developing the strategies that deliver results," said Supervisor Gonzales.

Paxton has most recently worked as a consultant with the National League of Cities to develop the City of Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan. Amongst many distinguished others, he was awarded the Children's Network Lifetime Advocate Award in 2012, and is a 2010 California State University San Bernardino College of Social and Behavioral Science Hall of Fame inductee. He also holds two bachelor degrees and a Master's of Public Administration all from California State University San Bernardino.

The office also brings on Laura Mancha to serve as a community liaison, effective immediately. As community liaison, Mancha will work closely with city officials, businesses and community groups within the Fifth District. Mancha has 20 years of experience in education and holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University San Bernardino.

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